

**Our reference:** COM567517284

**Application number:** 2023/2860

**Application address:** Land at 12 and Land West of 10 to 26 Claygate Lane Esher Surrey KT10 0AQ

**Name:** Dr Smith

**Address:** 116 Manor Road North, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0AG

**Comment type:** You object to the planning application

**Date of comment:** 06 Dec 2023

**Comment:** I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- It fundamentally changes the nature of the amenity at the rear of many gardens on Manor Road North/Claygate Lane/Cumberland. The development will result in noise pollution, light pollution and air pollution for all the neighbouring properties. Currently, we have none of these issues from the proposed development site - in fact, it is a lovely peaceful oasis full of wildlife which we all enjoy.
- Destruction of a woodland ecosystem, which supports many species of flora and fauna (including sparrowhawks, woodpeckers, long-tailed tits, nuthatches, black caps, etc). The woodland is a vital 'green passage' linking all the adjacent gardens effectively into one ecosystem allowing these species to thrive in a suburban environment.
- Traffic congestion along Claygate Lanes is already historically bad and adding approximately 20 more cars into the mix utilising a new junction is simply not viable and constitutes a safety risk to those using Claygate Lane. Cars coming out of the site during peak rush will have no visibility when joining Claygate Lane, as cars associated with the school will park all around the entrance to the new site (and ignore any parking restrictions put in place).
- Parents dropping off/picking up children at the schools will park in the new development (regardless of any parking restrictions put in place). This will result in many more car movements in and out of the site than the proposal assumed, and much more noise and air pollution for the surrounding neighbours.
- The proposed dwellings are completely out of character with the surrounding houses, which are all detached with decent sized gardens in similarly oriented regular-sized plots. The plans indicate a weird mix of detached and semi-detached houses and flats, arranged in odd orientations, none of which have any garden to speak of. This plan is incongruent with the surrounding properties and would be detrimental to the character of the area.
- Removing the woodland space and replacing with hard standings will result in increased risk of flooding in the area particularly towards the north end of Claygate Lane. We have already seen huge surges of water (effectively temporary rivers) flowing down Manor Road North following heavy rainfall in the last few years, as the surface drainage facilities cannot cope. So, I dread to think what would happen if the woodland 'sponge' is removed from the area.